



**Langton Green Village Society
Committee Meeting
Monday 17 July 2023 at 7:30pm**

Venue: Grace Space, All Saints Church

Present: James Bowdidge (JB) Chair, Dave Whittaker (DW) Vice Chair, Treasurer, Lyn Dollimore (LyD), Lawrence Dollimore (LD), Jeremy Stirling (JS), Nicci Levy Secretary (NL), Emma Howden (EH), Mark Gamble (MG), Jeremy Stirling (JS)

Apologies: Helen Fuller Membership Secretary (HF), Harry Harrison (HH), Rebecca Leach (RL), Emma Stevens (ES), Nick Trainor (NT)

Declarations of interest: None to add to those declarations made at previous meetings; just a reminder that committee member EH is owner of the Pavilion Café.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting were agreed prior to the meeting via email.

2. Josie Gamble – We discussed how we will remember Josie in the village and all agreed that the proposal to install a drinking water fountain was a sound one. We discussed The Rec as a suitable place for it and agreed that JB and MG would look at the ideal location and put their idea to SPC.

3. Langton Green Festival – We discussed the cost of LGVS sponsoring the Tunbridge Wells Fringe Festival in Langton and decided that it was a one-off cost that we would not repeat. Combining our fete / festival with The Fringe was confusing for some and the advertising was not very visible. Accessibility was an issue for some that were worried about the unevenness of the ground on the field. There was a lot of positive feedback from stall holders who particularly liked the parking aspect and being close to their cars. Families felt the enclosed aspect of the field was safer than The Green. The visitor experience feedback was all positive and there were many requests to move the fete from The Green to Hollonds Farm! MG expressed an interest in organising a Village Fete in 2024.

4. Finances - DW updated our financial situation noting the festival outgoings and income. We have provided funding for one of the new benches on The Rec.

5. Road Safety – DW noted there has been no progress since our last meeting.

6. Gatwick – JS reported the application to turn the emergency runway into a second runway has been submitted and if passed, this will have a significant impact on our village as 70% of landings at Gatwick fly over Langton Green. JS requested a £1000 donation from LGVS to put towards a case to the government to not agree Gatwick's proposal. JS noted we have financially supported the organisation previously. The funding was agreed in principle.

7. Other notable updates

- a. Volunteers – JS led a discussion about how to encourage more people from the village to help out at community events so that it is not left to a small few to do the majority of the work involved. It was agreed that we would start a campaign in Langton Life and via our social media platforms and build on this in the autumn.
- b. Autumn – Quiz, litter pick and Christmas draw to plan.
- c. Website – NL has met RB and is due to meet again in October.
- d. Village beautification: The hanging baskets are looking lush thanks to the volunteers who are regularly watering them. Ed Langridge is looking at the possibility of funding some containers in the layby.
- e. FB Chat Administrator is looking at how to raise money via businesses posting on FB. NL to consider this further taking into consideration how it could impact on Langton Life.
- f. AGM to be held on Monday 11 September at 8pm. LGVS committee meeting to be held hour before at 7pm at the Pavilion.
- g. Langton Pavilion Café – EH reported SPC are providing her with interim arrangements only at the current time and there remains a lot of uncertainty about the future of the café.

Next Meeting: Monday 11 September at 7pm at the Pavilion followed by the AGM at 8pm.